**Learning Services - Learning Support Team**

**News and Notes for February 2013**

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| **Item** | **Information** | **Questions/ Thoughts** |
| **LST-LS General Information** | * Next meeting – Tuesday, March 26, 2013 * Agendas and meeting dates are posted at: <http://cesd-aisi-5.wikispaces.com/home> |  |
| **Learning Opportunities** | | |
| **Peter Bowers**  Developing Word Detectives: Making Sense of English Spelling through Structured Word Inquiry | This workshop presents a unique, interactive approach to building literacy skills that develop reading, comprehension, vocabulary and spelling abilities by teaching children how to investigate the structures and conventions of English orthography.  **Location:** University of Alberta Campus, Room 358 (Education South Building  **Date:** March 7, 2013, (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)  **Cost:** $100  **Registration:** <http://dascentre.educ.ualberta.ca/files/Bowers%20March%207%20Workshop%20Registration%20Form.pdf> |  |
| **CLC Centennial Leadership Series**  Topics will include: setting a vision and direction; entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity; relationships; and change leadership. | This **series of evening sessions** will utilize video content on a number of leadership topics from World of Business Ideas (WOBI) in a collaborative learning environment.  You will engage with the video content through structured conversations with leaders from various organizations in our region.  **Location:** TransCanada Theatre, Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre, Olds  **Dates:** April 3, May 1, October 2, November 6  **Time:** 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. with networking and finger foods  **Cost:** $150 for the 4 sessions  **Registration:** [CLCAdmin@oldscollege.ca](mailto:CLCAdmin@oldscollege.ca) |  |
| **Tools and Resources** | | |
| **QLE:**  **What’s new?** | * Literacy: Reading Framework has been revised by the district literacy committee ~ make sure to click on the elements of reading to see the work that is happening behind the scenes: <http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Framework.php> * Student Engagement section has been revised by the district student engagement committee ~ much clearer description of what we mean by student engagement: <http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Quality%20Learning%20Environment.php> |  |
| **CESD Assistive Technology Website (Dean Nielsen)** | * Apps pages, lending library and more… * This website can be found at <http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Assistive%20Technology.php> |  |
| **Research** | | |
| **Best Evidence Encyclopedia**  Reading (K-12)  Math (K-12)  Science (elem)  Early Childhood  Technology (K-12) | The Best Evidence Encyclopedia is a free web site created by the Johns Hopkins University School of Education's Center for Data-Driven Reform in Education (CDDRE).  It is intended to give educators and researchers fair and useful information about the strength of the evidence supporting a variety of programs available for students in grades K-12.  **Website:** <http://www.bestevidence.org/index.cfm>  \*also has a Magazine subscription to: *Better: Evidence Based Education* (some free articles)- <http://www.bestevidence.org/better/index.htm> |  |
| **What Works Clearinghouse**  Literacy  Math  Science  Early Childhood  Student Behavior  English Language Learners  Dropout Prevention  Children and Youth with Disabilities | The What Works Clearinghouse is a free website created by the Institute of Education Sciences. It reviews high quality research on a variety of educational topics.  **Website:** <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/default.aspx> |  |
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